WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) has introduced legislation that would currently, state Medicaid plans have the option to deny APRNs as primary care case managers. In areas with a shortage of physicians, nurse practitioners can be more accessible," Olver said. "Prior to 1997, federal law required state Medicaid programs to cover health care services provided The Medicaid Nursing Incentive Act of 2003 would restore the previous federal mandate to cover "Medicaid reimburses nurse practitioners at a lower rate than physicians. At a time when state Medicaid reimburses have shown that advanced practice registered nurses provide cost-effective, high of "Many studies have shown that advanced practice registered nurses provide cost-effective, high of

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